



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3300 Atwood Ave.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; David Wallner; and Venus Washington.

Members Excused: Ald. Maurice Cheeks.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Joanne Austin; and Kelli Lamberty.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Adam Wiederhoeft, Water Utility; and Paul Renaud, Water Utility.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2018 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke regarding Earth Day.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### President of the Park Commission

President David Wallner asked to move this item before the elections. He expressed his pleasure in having served 11 years for the Board of Park Commissioners. He appreciated the great leadership and all the great staff in the Parks Division, and has enjoyed working with his fellow Park Commission members.

**ELECTION**

## Election of President

**Nomination by Gnam, seconded by Ragland to elect Madelyn Leopold as the new President of the Board of Park Commissioners. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## Election of Vice President

**Nomination by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to elect Emily Gnam as the new Vice President of the Board of Park Commissioners. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**REPORTS**

## Superintendent of Parks

**Superintendent Eric Knepp thanked David Wallner for his many years of service on the Board of Park Commissioners. This Spring has been challenging due to additional snowfalls and low temperatures. Knepp provided hiring updates for the Parks Planning and Development Manager and Assistant Parks Superintendent. Newly appointed Park Commission member Moira Harrington will be at the next meeting after confirmation.**

**51278**

Superintendent's April 2018 Report

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**51280**

Report of the Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Parks Long Range Planning Committee and the January 16, 2018 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by Wallner, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the Minutes. Motion made by voice vote/other.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 12, Legislative File No. 51084 and No. 13, Legislative File No. 51282. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[51084](#) Authorizing the City of Madison to accept ownership from Schenk Atwood Starkweather Yahara Neighborhood Association of picnic tables and boulder seating to be located at 252 Jackson Street and within St. Paul Avenue right-of-way.

**Registered Speaker Megan Williams of the Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara Neighborhood Association was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[51282](#) Request from Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin to add bird houses to Blackhawk Park, Elver Park, and Greentree-Chapel Hill Park.

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[51281](#) Request from City Water Utility for the installation and maintenance of a water main through a portion of Duane F. Bowman Park.

**Adam Wiederhoeft and Paul Renaud of Madison Water Utility presented the project.**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[51227](#) Request from Dane County to install a Clean Shoreline Pilot Project in Yahara Place Park.

**Registered Speaker Susan Ramspacher asked questions regarding the project. Registered Speaker Andrew Markiewicz was available to answer questions.**

**John Reimer of Dane County Land and Water Resources gave a presentation regarding the project.**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[51260](#) Request from 3GI Industries for the use of McPike Park for Shrekfest on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, 10:00am-10:00pm, with the event going from 3:00pm-9:00pm.

**Registered Speaker Grant Duffrin of 3GI Industries (Shrekfest) spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Wallner, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the request with the amendment that the event begins at 10 AM instead of 6 AM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**51261**

Request by Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center to extend La Fete de Marquette event activities, including amplification and beer sales, to 11 PM on July 13 and 14, 2018 at McPike Park.

**Registered Speakers Beatrice Hadidian, Bruce Woods, Steve Silverberg, and Shaun Abshere, all of Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, spoke in support. Registered Speaker Megan Williamson and Katherine Davey spoke in support. Registrant Nastachia Hanger was in support.**

**Motion made by Wallner, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**51288**

Request from Bob Queen to amend the approval for Central Park Sessions to allow a PA 1 permit (75 dB, 150 ft from the source), from 7:30-9:00 pm on June 3, 2018, at McPike Park. All amplified music outside the tent at PA 2 permit levels will end at 8:00 pm.

**Registered Speakers Cynthia Casebere; Jacob Snell of Madison Comedy Week; Brian Duffy of Central Park Sessions Board; and Bob Queen of Madison Central Park Sessions, Inc. spoke in support.**

**Registrants Vanessa Tortolano of Madison Comedy Week; and Nancy Kathman were in support.**

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Washington, to Approve. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Approve - (5) Gnam; Leopold; Ragland; Wallner; and Washington.  
Oppose - (1) Baldeh.**

**51291**

Request from Adam Briska for the use of the Yahara River Parkway from May - December 2018 for a temporary art installation.

**Registered Speaker Adam Briska spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the project. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**51003**

Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and the owner of the property located at 6444 Nesbitt Road for the expansion of Apple Ridge Park.

**Motion made by Washington, seconded by Ragland, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**Washington left at 8:35 PM.**

**Members Present: 5 – Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner**

**Members Excused: 1 – Ald. Maurice Cheeks and Venus Washington.**

**Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Ragland, to Adjourn at 8:39 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**